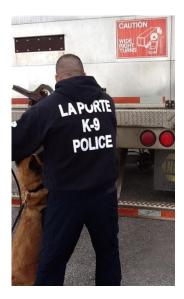
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La Porte K-9 unit is top dog for 3 years in a row



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Miscreants driving around with drugs in La Porte may not be aware that they're up against one of the best K-9 narcotics detection units in the State of Texas, police officials said Thursday.

In between assisting with narcotics arrests and other issues while on patrol, one of the K-9 teams placed in the top 10 for the third year in a row at the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association's 2012 regional skills competition.

Officer Jesse Arenivas and his canine partner, Lodka, were among more than 100 law enforcement agencies from Texas and Louisiana who competed in the event in Angleton.

La Porte's team competed in the narcotics detection contest, a timed event in which the team located various types of narcotics in a warehouse setting.

For more information regarding the La Porte Police Department's K-9 program, contact the Department's Patrol Operations Division at 281-842-3184 or log onto the department's website, located at www.laportetx.gov/police/